PALM BEACH STATE COLLEGE

COLLEGE RETIREES ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Joan Young, Editor April 2013

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shelley Hill

It has been a busy time in our capital city. We are adjusting to the cool and sometimes very cold temperatures, although Toby, the cat, is having a difficult time. Bill is enjoying his position with the Florida School Labor Relations Service as Exec. Director. I, on the other hand, am taking courses with FSU's Lifelong Learning. This term is entitled Great Decisions 2013, covering our relationships with Mid-Eastern countries, China, and Africa. We have participants in their 80's and 90's who are active both mentally and physically. In addition, I am playing pickleball and ping pong and swimming. The senior games in pickleball were March 14 & 15, 2013. This sport is sponsored by Leon County Parks & Recreation and the senior center. Bill and I miss our family and friends but keep in regular contact. We look forward to seeing you on May 10 and for our Holiday Luncheon in December.

FROM THEN TILL NOW

HOW WE STARTED

In March 1992 Elisabeth Erling, then a Vice President of Palm Beach Community College, sent out a letter to 106 recently retired instructors, professors, and administrators, inviting them to meet to form an organization for faculty emeriti. Twelve of the twenty individuals at the April 7, 1992 organizational meeting of the Emeritus Faculty Association are still members of the College Retirees Association today! They are: Floyd Becherer, James Gross, John Connolly, Mary Orsenigo,, Lucille Dickinson, Margaret Richardson, Banna Ghioto, Ann Steckler, Charles Graham, Lawrence Tuttle, Paul Graham, and Joan Young. EFA's first elected officers were President Sam Bottosto, Vice President Lucille Dickinson, Secretary Jim Flatley, and Treasurer Mary Bosworth. The first newsletter came out in December 1992, edited by Paul Graham, succeeded in that position by Jim Flatley and then by Joan Young in 2000.

Marian Morse, one of the first instructors at Palm Beach Junior College in 1934, joined the EFA in 1993 and mailed in dues to pay for her membership until her 100th birthday in 1995. She predicted correctly –she died two weeks after her 100th birthday anniversary! In conjunction with the College's celebration of its 60th anniversary in 1993, a "Wall of Fame" was established in the College Library in Lake Worth with photos of retired faculty.

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At a "Wall of Fame" reception held in October 1993, 98½-year-old Morse telephoned to the crowd from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and shared with about 200 guests her memories of PBJC from 1934-1955. Her remarks were reported in the EFA Newsletter of December 1993.

THE WAY WE WERE The EFA changed Presidents over the years: in 1994 Lucille Dickinson, in 1997 Elisabeth Erling (she had retired in 1995), in 1998 Mary Bosworth, in 2000 Bill Wilson. It was Bill who started what has become a tradition: our Holiday Luncheon at Atlantis Country Club.

Also over the years some members provided programs for us at our meetings. Sylvia Meeker described and showed us slides of her adventures in Senegal. At another meeting Sylvia reported some of her genealogical findings about her family and gave us many tips and resources to use in our own genealogical pursuits.

At one meeting Banna Ghioto, wearing her uniform, showed us photos and memorabilia relating to her service as a U.S. Army nurse during World War II. Sunny Meyer performed for us at another meeting, singing and dancing numbers from "Puttin' on the Glitz," a show she had produced, written, and directed with the Wellington Senior Players.

Jan Bussell, a licensed flight instructor, entertained us with stories of his flights and students and airplanes that he had constructed. Betty Morgan described her experiences on a medical missionary trip to India and Honey Duncan, her adventures on a trip to Alaska.

And of course many members shared experiences through our newsletter, sending us news of family events, travels, births and deaths or original poems (Alice Duxbury) or photos (Rosalie Morrissey). In fact, Rosalie has come to be referred to as the EFA's Official Photographer.

HOW WE GOT TO NOW. In 2007 a committee headed by Kathleen Asher began to explore the possibilities of obtaining benefits for members from the College, like use of the fitness center, a College email address, a Web page for EFA on the College's Web site, reduced prices for theatre productions, use of computer labs, etc.

But several meetings with College officials to achieve these benefits produced nothing but promises until 2010 when the idea of extending membership to all retired employees was raised—again. (It had been rejected by vote of the members in 2001.) When the question was put to our members in October 2010, they overwhelmingly agreed with that idea. Notices were sent out to all staff retirees of the past several years. Palm Beach State College Retirees Association was born officially in May 2011 and its bylaws approved by the College's Board of Trustees in June 2011. Staff retirees Nancy Buhl and Shelley Hill began in 2010 to work diligently toward gaining College benefits for the members of the new CRA by dealing directly with President Gallon, Vice President Becker, and other PBSC officials.

Thanks mainly to their efforts, CRA members now enjoy the following benefits: College Email Addresses (at no cost), College ID cards (for a one-time fee of ten dollars), College bookstore discounts, College theatre discounts, College library privileges (including use of computers), and the same discounts offered to College employees by community enterprises (like Lion Country Safari). In addition, a CRA Web Page on PBSC's Web Site is currently under construction.

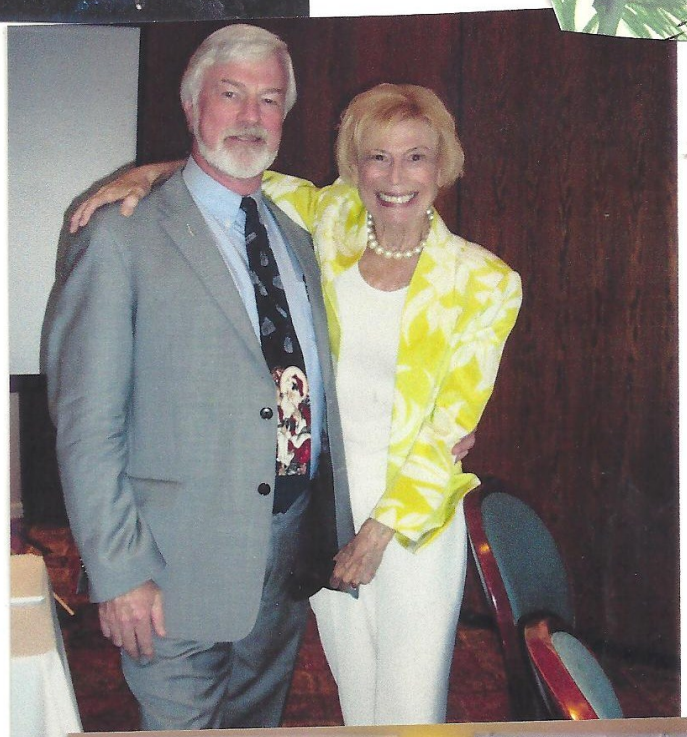
NOW IT'S UP TO ALL OF US TO ENJOY THESE BENEFITS AND TO KEEP IN TOUCH BY ATTENDING MEETINGS AND CONTRIBUTING TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

AND IT'S UP TO MANY OF US TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE THE CRA AS AN OFFICER OR ON A COMMITTEE!

MEMBER MEETING IN MAY

Come and enjoy lunch with fellow members at the meeting on May 10, 2013. Kristie Hopkins, an art professor, will be discussing the College's Art Gallery and how to understand and appreciate a work of art.

At the meeting, members will elect officers to serve from May 2013 to May 2015. Members will also vote to amend the CRA Bylaws, creating just one kind of membership (instead of three--active, associate, and honorary), so that a member will simply be a person who has retired from PBSC. They will also create a new position on the CRA's Executive Board: a Communications/ Webmaster Coordinator, who will maintain a membership database, oversee communications with members, and maintain a CRA web page on the College's web site.



MINUTES OF LUNCH MEETING OF MEMBERS

CPB, Lake Worth Campus

October 19, 2012

Lunch/ Socializing. 11:00-11:30 AM

CRA President Shelley Hill called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM. Present were 28 members, two guests, and the CRA's College Liaison, Shannon Whitman. Hill asked everyone to introduce herself or himself. Hill reported Helen Darcy's death and requested that everyone observe a moment of silence in her memory and that of other members who have passed on.

Minutes. Secretary Joan Young asked for any suggested corrections to the minutes of the last meeting of members, which had been reproduced in the CRA Newsletter. There were none. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 4, 2012, as distributed. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Honey Duncan submitted a report listing the revenue and expenditures during the period from May 4, 2012 to October 19, 2012 and recording a balance in the CRA's checking account at the Gold Coast Federal Credit Union of $2,055.51 on October 19, 2012..

Hill acknowledged and praised Nancy Buhl, Joan Young, and Bill Wilson for their work in compiling, filing, and preserving the records of the CRA and its predecessor, the Emeritus Faculty Association.

Program. Virginia Brooks, Chair of the Program Committee, introduced Dr. Jeannett. B. Manzanero, director at the Global Education Center at PBSC, who used a PowerPoint presentation to explain that the Center works to help immigrant students at PBSC to "acclimate, navigate, and succeed." The head of the Center, Dr. Kathryn Davis, 105 years old, is healthy and active. Dr. Manzanero said that the GE Center would welcome volunteers from the CRA to tutor, read students' papers, translate, etc.

Updates on Email Addresses, Retiree IDs, Etc. CRA Vice President Nancy Buhl and Shannon Whitman, HR Senior Generalist at PBSC, explained that all CRA members are now entitled to have an email address at PBSC and a PBSC ID card. They distributed application forms. After approval, IDs can be picked up at the Bookstore on the Lake Worth campus. These IDs will entitle members to all the discounts on campus as well as discounts elsewhere, such as Lion Country Safari. Eventually, CRA will have a webpage on the PBSC website.

Holiday Luncheon. Hill announced that the Holiday Luncheon will take place at 11:30 AM on December 7, 2012, at the Atlantis Country Club. The charge is $25 per person for members and their guests. Hill asked for volunteers to help plan for the seating, decorations, name tags, etc.

Donna DiSesa, Bobbi Marsh, and Helen Franke volunteered. The subject of a gift exchange was discussed. The final agreement was that each attendee who wished to participate in a gift exchange should bring a wrapped gift that costs between 10 and 20 dollars. Only those who bring gifts will receive gifts.

Elections. CRA officer elections will take place at a meeting in May. Members interested in running for office should contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Honey Duncan, Helen Franke, Donna DiSesa, Mary Taylor.

Announcement: During the last week of October 2012, the court is scheduled to sentence the thief who was found guilty of murdering John Morrissey, son of member Rosalie Morrissey, last year.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

News of Members

Patti Anderson wrote to say how very happy she is to have a PBSC email address to be able to keep up with what's going on at the College.

Jim Howell also writes that "it's great to have a connection and be able to receive news about PBSC." He had a hip replacement in Colorado last August which has slowed him down for the first time in 14 years. He can hardly believe it has been that long since he retired.

Ernie Parbhoo and his wife joined In-laws for Thanksgiving near Melbourne, then visited their grandson near Dallas for his 3rd birthday and later to celebrate the New Year. Their entire family met at Disney World in March.

Gerardo Pulido, who became a missionary for his church after retiring in 2010, wrote to us in February from Colombia, where (if we have translated from his Spanish correctly!) he went to visit family and the church where he was baptized. He sends greetings and best wishes to all PBSC retirees.

Joal Solaas attended a performance of the Pipes & Drums of the Black Watch, 3rd Battalion, and Band of the Scots Guards at the Kravis Theatre last month and highly recommends it: "If you like band music, marching in formation and all things British, see it next visit here." She says she clapped so hard, her hands were sore.

Nancy Buhl, Marie Reddy, Mary Taylor, and **Joan Young** all bowl once a week at Greenacres Bowl on Lake Worth Road. Call one of them if you're interested in bowling in a league where you don't have to be a good bowler to have fun.

Write to us. We'd love to hear from you!

Reasons to Get a College Email Address

Nancy A. Buhl, CRA Vice President

The best reason for using a College email address is that there is no cost to you or to the Retirees Association. As you know, the CRA is no longer afforded the privilege of free postage when using the U.S.P.S. With over 100 members and postage rates at an all-time high, you can see how costly it would be for us to continue using the U.S.P.S. for all our mail-outs. Of course, we will gladly continue doing so for the approximately 20 members who do not have computer access.

As soon as your College email address is available to you, you are able to purchase a PBSC Retiree ID card for a one-time fee of $10.00. This ID card will allow you to enjoy the same discounts at the campus bookstores and theatres that are offered to the current employees. Use of the College libraries, including use of their computers, is another benefit.

Community discounts will also be available to you with the ID card. For example, Lion Country Safari has offered a big discount to all government employees each fall, and they assured me we are included in that offer. In fact, I've taken advantage of it more than once during my years connected with the College.

Security and stability are two more benefits to your association when you sign up for a College email address. When we use your personal email addresses for a mail-out, usually 1 to 4 are returned marked "undeliverable," because those members have failed to notify us of new email addresses. A few of you have updated your email information but most have not.

Since last May I have been acting as the association's Communications Coordinator (C.C.), a position which will be created when members amend the bylaws at the next May meeting. I expect to be appointed to this position. As C.C. I will be using the College email addresses to send out our newsletters, announcements, address lists, etc. With your College email address, you will also receive the College's *Perspectives* newsletter and mail to "all-users" to keep you informed of interesting programs available to you at each campus and of campuses' bookstore sales.

Get your College email address and check it just once a week or so. You will enjoy keeping up with your former colleagues as well as being able to take advantage of all that is available to you as a member of CRA.

To find a member, go to the College web site and use the "People Finder" link at the top of the home page. You won't find all of our members there, of course, but the list is growing. I urge you to email me for the application form packet. I'll be more than happy to send the packet to you.

Thank you to those who have already gotten theirs and an extra thank-you to those who have included notes of appreciation for them with their completed applications

Meet Shannon Whitman

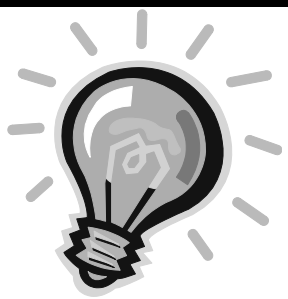
We are very fortunate to have Shannon as our College Liaison. She is our go-to-gal for the processing of our members' applications for College email addresses that include eligibility for the new College Retiree ID cards. She is also available for all inquiries regarding our relationship with the College.

Shannon earned her BA in English from Monmouth College in Illinois, an MBA in Human Resource Management and Organizational Development from the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis, and SPHR (Senior Professional in Human Resources) certification from the HR Certification Institute. Shannon has been working in HR for sixteen years, most of them in the area of professional development, and her real love is leadership development.

All of the above does not complete her resume. She is also a proud advisor for Phi Beta Lambda (the collegiate level of the Future Business Leaders of America organization). At its conference in March, she was named Florida Advisor of the Year for 2012-2013.

Shannon reports she has been married to her "amazing" husband, John, for 9 years, and they are the proud parents of a 4-year-old son, Drew. She is thrilled to be a soccer mom! Shannon says that in her very few minutes of down time, she also enjoys cooking, reading, and watching Minnesota Viking football, although she grew up in Illinois. We are really pleased to have Shannon as our Liaison and, in that capacity, a member of our CRA Executive Board.

PLEASE SEND US NEWS ABOUT WHAT YOU ARE DOING



Send news about yourself or other members to:

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Honey Duncan
Helen Franke
Mary Taylor

Nominate yourself or another member for one of the following positions: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

Election at the May Meeting

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If you have a change in address or phone number (or if you know the address of a former member who has moved), please contact:

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If you have a suggestion for a social event, please contact:

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If you have an interesting idea for a speaker or program for one of our meetings, please contact:

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If you know of a member who is ill or who has died or who has suffered some kind of setback, please contact:

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DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2013
MEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING
11:30-2:00
FACULTY DINING ROOM:
LAKE WORTH CAMPUS

DECEMBER 6, 2013
HOLIDAY LUNCH PARTY
Atlantis Country Club 11:30 AM

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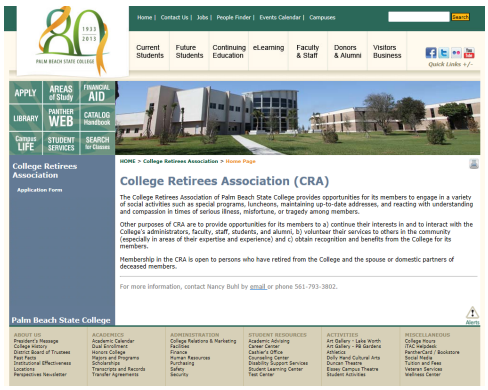
Annual dues are $15.00 each for all members. Due each May.

Have you seen our web page?



We now have our very own web page within the PBSC web site. It is a work in progress, but you can view it by going to palmbeachstate.edu.

Click on the Faculty & Staff link at the top of the page and then scroll down to find us listed under **Organizations.** Future additions will include ourbylaws, officers, photo albums, etc.
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